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FOLLOWING REPEAT LONDON 8475 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO
HAMILTON HONG KONG PARIS OTTAWA 23 MAY.

QUOTE: UNCLAS LONDON 8475

PASS DOT (DAVENPORT, KAMM) WHITE HOUSE (JOHNSON)

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TAGS: EAIR, UK

SUBJECT: US-UK CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS: SECTRANS PRESS
CONFERENCE

1. FYI, SECRETARY ADAMS HELD PRESS CONFERENCE THIS NOON
AT EMBASSY. ANNOUNCED SUBJECT WAS IMCO AND "POSSIBLY
OTHER SUBJECTS OF INTEREST". ABOUT 2/3RDS WAS IN FACT
CONCORDE AND BERMUDA AGREEMENT. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY
OF THE SECRETARY'S KEY STATEMENTS REGARDING CIVAIR
ISSUES.

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2. BECAUSE OF SYMPATHY FOR POLITICAL PROBLEM UKG WOULD
HAVE IN SIGNING NEW BERMUDA IN JUNE WITH THE POSSIBILITY
OF UNFAVORABLE FEDERAL DECISION ON CONCORDE OPS AT DULLES
IN SEPT, US HAS SUGGESTED THAT, IF WE CAN REACH AN
AGREEMENT BY 22 JUNE, SUCH AGREEMENT BE INITIALED AND
THEN LET FORMAL APPROVAL OR SIGNING STEPS AWAIT USG
RESOLUTION OF SST REGULATIONS. IF UKG WERE TO OBJECT TO

USG CONCORDE DECISION, THEN UK COULD WITHDRAW ITS INITIALS ON NEW BERMUDA.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW AGREEMENT MUST BE DONE BY 22 JUNE (IN CONTEXT OF FIRM UNDERSTANDING AS TO CONTEXT; FINAL, LEGAL LANGUAGE NOT REQUIRED). THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR CESSATION OF SERVICE IF NEW AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED.

4. N.B, WE ANTICIPATE IF WE DO NOT HAVE AN INDICATION OF AGREEMENT FORTHCOMING BY 2 JUNE, "THEN THE WHOLE THING MAY CEASE AT THAT POINT".

5. IF THERE IS NO AGREEMENT, "I THINK IT (CESSATION) IS GOING TO HAPPEN". "I HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED THAT CESSATION IS A VERY REALISTIC POSSIBILITY". PARTIES SHOULD BE ON NOTICE THAT AIR SERVICES "WILL NOT LIMP ALONG" IN ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT.

6. BOTH US, UK MAKING CONTINGENCY PLANS. US PLANS INVOLVE NETHERLANDS, FRG, FRANCE; UK PLANS INVOLVE CANADA.

7. US HAS MADE MAJOR CONCESSIONS ON PROBLEMS OF CAPACITY, ROUTES, DESIGNATION. US HAS MET ORIGINAL UK CAPACITY OBJECTIVES. "WE CANNOT GO MUCH FURTHER". US WILL NOT GIVE ANOTHER GOVERNMENT VETO RIGHTS OVER US CARRIER CAPACITY. MILLER
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